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Examiner: Ms. Greta Lee Robinson

In Re PATENT APPLICATION Of:

 Applicant(s)
 : Yoshifumi KOBAYASHI
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action of June 21, 2010, the period for reply to which has been set to expire on September 21, 2010.

A fee of \$\frac{\lambda \infty}{\infty} is being submitted concurrently. Should this remittance be accidentally missing, however, or should any additional fees be needed (including extension of time fees, since Applicant hereby provisionally petitions for any extensions that may be deemed necessary to avoid abandonment), the Director may charge such fees to our Deposit Account number 18-0002.

Please amend the above-identified application as specified on the following pages, and then reconsider the application in view of the Remarks that are presented thereafter.